

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 31st, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The application is believed to be in allowable condition.

Applicants have amended the specification to move a term definition from a latter section to the first instance of use. No new matter is added with the amendment to the specification.

The drawings are objected to as failing to distinguish the enclosure 20 from the housing 21. The embodiment of the enclosure 20 shown in embodiments in FIGS. 1, 7 and 8 includes several elements in addition to the more narrowly characterized housing 21. Specifically (as described at page 4, lines 12-27), this enclosure 20 includes not only the housing 21, but also the battery connector 24, utility outlets 29, and a power cord attachment 27. In view of this description, Applicants believe that the enclosure 20 and housing 21 are distinctly characterized and illustrated as well as possible, with the understanding that the specification and drawings are to be jointly interpreted. If the Examiner has a preferred conception as to how these elements should be referenced in the drawings, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to share this preference. Otherwise, the Applicants respectfully request that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 8, and 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,619,076 (Layden et al). Claims 1, 3, and 14-15 have been canceled, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Claim 8 has been amended to change dependency to allowable base claim 2. Applicants believe claim 8 is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 18-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,204,574 (Chi). Claims 18-23 have been canceled, rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for recognizing the presence of allowable subject matter in each of claims 2, 4-7, 9-13, and 16-17.

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Claims 2, 4-7, 9-13, and 16-17 have been amended to include the limitations of the canceled base claims and intervening claims. No new matter is added with the amendments to the claims. Applicants believe these claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the enclosure submitted herewith, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at the number provided.

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